

SENATE RESOLUTION 164
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Vickee Hollifield and the Carson-Newman Softball team on winning the 1998 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament.

WHEREAS, it was with great excitement and pleasure that the Tennessee General Assembly learned that the Carson-Newman softball team, a traditional power, has won the 1998 Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament, held at Catawba College; and

WHEREAS, in the first round of the prestigious tournament number one-seeded Carson-Newman defeated Mars Hill College 4-3; and

WHEREAS, in their second tournament game the Lady Eagles soared high beating Lenoir-Rhyne 9-1; and

WHEREAS, in the next game, they stunned Presbyterian 4-1; and

WHEREAS, in the exciting championship game, Carson-Newman beat Lenoir-Rhyne 2-1, in ten innings; and

WHEREAS, the determined Lady Eagles fought hard, having to come from behind each game; and

WHEREAS, Carson-Newman finished the season with an excellent 28-6 record; and

WHEREAS, under the able tutelage of highly-regarded Coach Vickee Hollifield, the Lady Eagles have now won their sixth South Conference Tournament title in the last eight years; and

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WHEREAS, team leaders included Libby Conley, the 1998 South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year; sophomore pitching sensation Beth Ratliff, a first team All-South Atlantic Conference selection, who won three tournament games, and freshman Rebeka Lambert, who won the other tournament game; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this outstanding team for its significant accomplishments on the diamond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Coach Vickee Hollifield and the 1998 Carson-Newman College softball team on winning the Food Lion South Atlantic Conference Tournament and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.